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A Widow's Cry

by Valerie Whitt

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The life path of a widow, whose husband has been unjustly killed and whose home has been destroyed, is long and lonely. In her widowed state, she is forced to flee with her children and a few belongings hastily thrown into a small bag. It is a bitter night when she and her children must sleep huddled in a crowded refugee camp. She is on her own now to face the world. In war zones, women are often the target: they are raped, their husbands are killed, their children are lost in the process of flight, and their unique needs are frequently overlooked when international aid reaches their camps. They struggle to survive day-to-day.

The battles being fought today are not soldier against soldier, or military against military. The battles are against the innocent, guilty only because of their ethnicity, gender, religion, or political affiliation. Roy Gutman and David Rieff in *Crimes of War* cite some disturbing statistics: "The principle victims of this kind of war [ethnic cleansing]—slaughter is often the better term for it—are civilians. As horrible as the death toll was in World War I, the millions who died were, by and large, killed on the battlefield—soldiers killed by soldiers, not civilians killed by lawless or random or planned savagery. The rough proportion of military to civilian casualties was ninety to ten. In World War II, the proportions were roughly even. Today, for every ten military casualties there are on the order of ninety civilian deaths. The reality of our era, as demonstrated in Angola, Somalia, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Chechnya, is that torture is rampant, murdering civilians commonplace, and driving the survivors from their homes often the main goal of a particular military offensive." (p. 10)

Never has James 1:27 meant more to me than when I worked in Kosovo: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress . . ." From 1996-1999 I worked with Bosnian refugees as a public health nurse in North Carolina, and as a result, became acutely aware of events in the Balkans. During the fall of 1998, the media began reporting on a new conflict between the Serbs and Kosovars. It was April of 1999 when the crisis was broadcast into my living room. I watched the Kosovars' desperate flight, not knowing that in a surprising turn of events I would be on my way to the Balkans within a month.

World Relief USA, the agency I worked for, managed a refugee camp in southern Albania. I focused my work on the Kosovar women, who soon became my heroes. Conditions were very poor and food was scarce, but they were willing to work hard to make life better in the camp.

There was joy and celebration throughout the camp when news arrived that the war was over. Along with the refugees, our team packed up and headed into Kosovo two weeks later. During assessment tours, I noticed a large number of war widows in one village. Many men had been killed in the area, leaving whole neighbourhoods of widows. Each woman had a story to tell—stories that are too horrible to write. These women live in a very traditional society where the men earn the family's livelihood, build the family compound, and conduct all business outside of the home. The widows do not know how to rebuild their homes, nor do they have the finances to do so. They have large families to provide for but no means to earn a livelihood outside of the home. Some of them silently bear the shame of rape in a society that highly stigmatizes such violations. My partner, an Albanian Christian woman, and I set to work developing and running a widow's assistance program.

The story of the widows and orphans in Kosovo is a story that millions of women and children around the world can tell. We westerners often align ourselves politically with one side of a conflict, but the innocent fall on both sides of conflicts. One wonders if there is any hope for their desperate plight. I love the story of Moses and the burning bush because it tells me about the God in whom I believe. The Lord says to Moses, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them. . ." (Exodus 3:7-8). In the New Testament we learn that Jesus wept and was moved by compassion. Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to

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EDITOR'S NOTE

With the federal election campaigns recently, Canadians watched how prime ministerial candidates wooed voters through kissing babies, shaking hands of rally goers, and attending numerous fundraising dinners. As I read in the newspapers about these leaders' various tactics to win supporters for their respective partisan groups, I reflected upon my role as a Christian, and how I am to win people for my own life cause, which is Christ. And unlike these prime ministerial candidates, who focus on reaching out to various communities in Canada, we, as representatives of God's kingdom, are to know no geographical borders when it comes to touching lives in the name of Jesus.

A large number of students train at Tyndale College & Seminary to develop a solid biblical foundation before embarking on ministry overseas. Or in some cases, people come to Tyndale from overseas to obtain an education not readily accessible back in their country of origin. The theme of intercultural missions for this issue of Connection was chosen because we wanted to highlight the integral work of what some Tyndale constituents are involved with overseas, and to show what our role is here, as an institute of missions training and higher learning. Although all vocations, provided they are pursued for God's purposes, are equally important in his eyes, we wanted to explore the unique experiences and challenges of some of those who are from overseas or who have gone there as missionaries.

Tyndale is located in the most multicultural city in the world, which is a very exciting place to be training people to do missions-oriented ministry. As we strive to glorify God in all that we do at Tyndale, we hope that you enjoy embarking on this journey with us.

Laurie Chong
Managing Editor, *Connection*

Mission in Culture: The Black Experience

New This Winter 2001 Term at Tyndale

The reality of the Canadian experience is that the task of mission happens in a cultural context. This course, jointly offered by the College and Seminary, provides a general introduction to the trends, issues, dynamics and current realities of the Black Christian's church experience in Canada. It will attempt to present conceptual and practical frameworks for understanding the diverse experience of Blacks in Canada as they participate in the mission of the church.

This course, coordinated by Kersley Peters and Rev. Denise Gillard, will help students of all races understand issues and dynamics unique to the Black experience of Christianity.

TIM Centre Training

by Carol Morris
Director of Resources, TIM Centre

"We are so thankful for the month of MissionPrep training and all we have learned. I feel like you have saved me from many disastrous mistakes, assumptions, idealisms and instead have prepared me to go carefully and lovingly."

This statement, made by a recent participant, aptly describes the value of MissionPrep, a joint ministry of TIM Centre (The Intercultural Ministries Centre) at Tyndale and Missionary Internship Canada.

Our goal at TIM Centre, through the courses we offer, is to make the transition to a different culture as smooth as possible for both short-term and career missionaries.

Short-term courses being offered this year are scheduled for May 10-12, 2001, and Nov. 8-10, 2001.

Other courses being planned:

CLL: (Culture and Language Learning, which is a combination of PLANTS and SPLICE) February 12-23, 2001

PLANTS: June 28-29, 2001

SPLICE: July 3-18, 2001

TIM Centre runs three courses to accomplish this task. The first is a three-day orientation for short-term missionaries, which covers cross-cultural communication, spiritual warfare, interpersonal relationships, cultural transitions, introduction to missions, and an ethnic field trip. This course is specially designed for summer missions teams and those serving overseas for less than 12 months.

The Intercultural Life and Ministry Skills (SPLICE) is designed for Christian workers planning to serve for more than one year. It is a two-week program that equips missionaries to meet the enjoyment/challenge of living in a new culture. Spiritual, personal, language, interpersonal and cultural adaptation skills are taught through a unique combination of experiential and formal instruction.

PLANTS (The Program for Language Acquisition Using Natural Techniques and Skills) is a ten-day program that teaches techniques designed to increase a person's ability to hear and reproduce the sounds of a new language. It provides a deeper understanding of new languages and reduces the time it takes to use the language verbally. This course is for Christian workers intending to serve for more than one year. PLANTS was developed by Dr. Tom McCormick, an associate of TIM Centre.

There is a concurrent intercultural training program for the children of the missionary trainees, which is run by Sheilah Cousins. This program helps the children to be involved as well. Robert Cousins is the overall co-ordinator for MissionPrep teaching events, and TIM Centre staff and associates from many different mission agencies share in the teaching.

These courses are offered because working in a different culture presents many challenges and requires a knowledge of the culture and language to be successful. TIM Centre exists to meet this challenge!

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Gottfried Osei-Mensah

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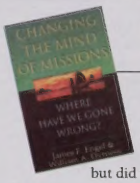
On October 11, Gottfried Osei-Mensah, Chair of Africa Enterprise's International Partnership Board and associated with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, was on campus to address a Mission Leaders Luncheon sponsored by TIM Centre. Osei-Mensah spoke on "A Word from the Church in Africa for the Church in Canada," and described five challenges which will affect the church in Africa in the next five to ten years: the resurgence of Islam, growth without impact, church unity, how to communicate with the culture and remain countercultural, and how to move the church into social justice issues.

OFF THE SHELF

Changing the Mind of Missions– Where Have We Gone Wrong?



By James F. Engel and William A. Dyrness,
DOWNER'S GROVE: INTERVARSITY PRESS, 2000

At a recent Mission Leaders Luncheon sponsored by TIM Centre, Antoine Rutayisire of African Enterprise, r reflecting on his Rwandan experience, made the comment, "The missionaries taught us how to become Christians, but did not teach us how to live." This experience he refers to is the Rwandan massacre of 1994, where Hutus murdered hundreds of thousands of Tutsis. Although the country has a majority of baptized believers, it was the Christians who led the massacre in some cases.

The authors of *Changing the Mind of Missions* quote a similar statement to Rutayisire's, and that, along with other troubling characteristics of current North American missions, have led them to undertake a radical evaluation of the current mission scene. What they observe troubles them deeply: the church has become "privately engaging, socially irrelevant" (to quote Os Guinness), missions has become dominated by management methods, and a prevailing worldview has taken hold, informed more by modernism than by Biblical truth.

The first three chapters of the book describe "the effectiveness crisis" of North American missions. On the one hand, there are the unavoidable changing realities of a world in which the initiative for mission is shifting to the two thirds world, but on the other hand, there is the unbiblical displacement of the local church by mission agencies. Apart from the annoying habit of beginning each chapter with an unconvincing fictional account of "Global Harvest Mission" (a feature typical of current evangelical social analysis), this section is a helpful and insightful commentary on the broad characteristics of North American churches and missions.

The solutions proposed in chapters four to six have as their priority the development of servant leadership and the establishment of missions as "the reason for which all other ministries [in the local church] exist" (page 121). Unfortunately, when the authors come to the challenge of organizational transformation of mission agencies (147-172), they cite American business models and propose a methodology which seems to be exactly the "managerial missions" they earlier decried. There is no appeal to the vibrant worship and self-sacrifice, which have been the strength of so much of mission from the two-thirds world.

Whatever weaknesses the book has in writing style or logic, the main theses of Engel and Dyrness, particularly the kingdom model of The Great Commission, are a welcome corrective to so much of what passes as "the mind of God" in evangelical mission practice.

Bob Morris
Associate Director, TIM Centre

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FEBRUARY 12-23, 2001

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Christmas Greetings

No more powerful message could be sent our way from God than what he spoke 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. More creative than angels singing; more articulate than Old Testament prophets writing; more gentle than shepherds caring for their sheep; more earth shattering than stars leading professors from the East—it was surprising for all, Jesus, the babe in arms.

Jesus, the Word, was not only to later speak words in stories all could understand, he himself was that Word. As God spoke and life came into existence, in that very moment, Jesus the Word became part of human life. And by so doing, told us how important we are. Yes we are made in his image—the Imago Dei—we also are of supreme importance.

That's why Jesus came.

Because of this, we his disciples and followers pause in all of our work, family life, church festivities and bustling about to tell the world that God is here.

Every December I notice how people become more kind. Drivers are more inclined to let you break into the traffic flow. Walking down a sidewalk, there is a greater inclination for each of us to smile and mumble a greeting. Why is that? It's more than gift giving. It is because this world is affected by Jesus, whether people acknowledge him or not.

It's because Jesus does affect the lives of people that we, his people, are driven to make his name known in all the earth. As much as we are able to succeed in medical and scientific advancement, without the life-giving power of Jesus, there are no ultimate answers.

Lily and I send you, our alumni, friends, investors and leaders our prayer for you all at this wonderful time of the year. Thank you for the enormous contribution many of you make so that Tyndale will be a centre of Christian higher education to encourage and help lead the people of God to engage the world in all that they do.

Brian C. Stiller

Brian C. Stiller
President, Tyndale College & Seminary

Tyndale Establishes The Hudson Taylor Centre for Chinese Ministries

Tyndale College & Seminary is pleased to announce the establishment of The Hudson Taylor Centre for Chinese Ministries.

The Hudson Taylor Centre, which exists to advance Chinese ministries in North America and around the world, has a sixfold ministry: (a) facilitate the exchange of insights and concerns between the academy and the church; (b) conduct, and disseminate research in Chinese ministries; (c) develop the results of research into programs or tools for churches; (d) arrange for timely response from the scholarly community to issues raised by the churches; (e) provide forums for dialogue and consultation; (f) develop training seminars and workshops.

"The Hudson Taylor Centre is to serve as a bridge between the academic community and the churches, and to be a catalyst for the advancement of mission and ministry among Chinese people worldwide," says Rev. Warren Lai, Interim Director of The Hudson Taylor Centre at Tyndale. Lai is the former co-director of the Seminary's Chinese Ministry Program, and is also senior pastor of Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church.

The Centre is named after Hudson Taylor (1832-1905), pioneer missionary to China and founder of the China Inland Mission (CIM), now Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF). Taylor, who trained to be a medical doctor in his native England, became a missionary to China in 1854. At the time of Taylor's death, about 30,000 people in China had converted to Christianity due to the efforts of Taylor and the other CIM workers. In naming the Centre after Hudson Taylor, the Seminary has committed itself to continuing this great legacy.

According to Dr. Jeffrey Greenman, Academic Dean at Tyndale Seminary: "The Hudson Taylor Centre is a strategic new venture. It unites Tyndale's long heritage of missionary concern with our strong commitment to serving the Chinese churches of North America and beyond."

Tyndale College & Seminary, established in 1894, is Canada's oldest and largest accredited post-secondary theological institution. Its student body includes over 200 students of Chinese descent and is closely linked with over 120 Chinese churches in the greater Toronto area. There are over 300 alumni of Chinese descent from the seminary and college. Tyndale Seminary offers an academic concentration in Chinese ministries within its Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies degrees.

Golf Tournament

The Third Annual Charity Golf Classic was held on Tuesday September 26, 2000 at Cherry Downs Golf and Country Club in Pickering. Congratulations to all our prize winners, and a special thank you goes to our speaker Bruce Etherington, and host Paul Henderson. About 100 people participated in the tournament.

The tournament was a great success, raising $30,000 for Tyndale College & Seminary.

PLEASE WATCH FOR DETAILS ON THE FOURTH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC TO BE HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2001.

An Orphan's Hope

by Laurie Chong

We live in a world full of ironies. In some countries, money is spent trying to create babies and clone other life in science labs, and in others, parents abandon their newborns on the street.

Elizabeth Bell,* a Tyndale Seminary graduate, has observed this irony first-hand. In the child care centre in Asia where she works as an occupational therapist, Bell has seen many babies relinquished by parents because they were not born as healthy males. The majority of this particular country's population finds that money is scarce for child rearing. Also, their traditional culture believes that males are more important than females, so parents only want to raise a son and are willing to give up their daughters, especially if they are born with special needs.

About two-thirds of the babies at the centre where Bell works, the majority females, are with special needs. Some had been abandoned in flimsy boxes on roadsides with only a blanket to keep warm, and a bottle of water to keep nourished. Some are found with a soiled piece of paper with their date of birth scrawled on it and a desperate plea from the parents to take care of their child because they themselves will not or feel that they cannot. This is why centres such as the one Bell works at are integral to the well-being of these babies.

"I have the privilege of working with a special group because of my professional background," says Bell. "Because of the sensitive nature of this work, these babies are not readily accessible to the foreign community."

Bell, who was born and raised overseas, came to Canada as a foreign student and was led to the Lord by her fellow classmates at university. The year when she accepted Jesus Christ in her life was the same year she was accepted by the university's School of Rehabilitation Science to study occupational therapy. The same year she graduated from this program, she attended the student missions convention Urbana, and made a commitment to God to serve full-time overseas. Part of her preparation for this venture was to obtain seminary training.

When she enrolled at Tyndale, Bell was working full-time as an occupational therapist, attempting to gain as much clinical experience as she could. But for her last year of seminary studies, she made the decision to leave work and finish up her Master of Theological Studies full-time.

"I felt that I was missing out on the community living at seminary because I was only coming in once night a week," says Bell. "I also wanted to finish my degree quickly so that I could go overseas."

Bell has spent the last 12 years in Asia, and has held a variety of positions in the healthcare field. She has worked in a children's hospital, psychiatric hospital, a school for mentally challenged children, and has set up ward programs and out-patient clinics, trained local hospital staff, and done clinical research. Two years ago, she began working at her present job at the child care centre, which works alongside an orphanage that refers children under the age of two to this centre. Although Bell loves her job, and feels enriched by these many experiences in Asia, it has come with a personal struggle.

"After I graduated from seminary, I was very eager to serve God wherever he wanted me to go," says Bell. "But when it was closer to the time I had to leave Canada, I struggled because I was giving up my comfort zone and security to face many unknowns. I had struggled many times after the reality of the situation hit me. But God was speaking to me through the example of Abraham in the Bible, who was challenged to sacrifice his only son Isaac. I learned to offer my career path and comfort zone to the Lord and to trust, Jehovah Jireh, that the Lord will provide."

At that time, while looking to go overseas in a traditional missions capacity, she was encouraged by a Tyndale Seminary professor, OMF International leadership and her senior pastor to go using her professional skills in a country that did not allow missionaries. This was at a time when the idea of using professional services in "Creative Access Nations" was a relatively uncommon practice to both missions agencies and prospective missionaries.

But what was not an uncommon practice, as Bell quickly discovered while in Asia, was the abandonment of babies or even infanticide, which parents in this country have traditionally done to rid themselves of an unwanted child. Bell had seen this with her own eyes when she moved overseas.

"When I worked in a hospital, I would literally see babies left at the front of the building, some with part of the umbilical cord still on their body," says Bell. "Some babies are bleeding profusely and in very critical condition when they are found." There are no government statistics on the mortality rate of these infants, but unofficial estimates say that it is tragically high.

As the centre's resident occupational therapist, Bell looks after all the children with special needs, preparing them for the pre- and post-operation therapy, and overseeing their rehabilitation. The children have such conditions as spina bifida, cerebral palsy, congenital heart disease, and Down's syndrome. The over 50 children at the centre range in ages from newborn to three years. The centre plans to continue to care for these children until they are adopted by overseas parents.

The centre operates as a faith mission, supported by donors overseas. Most of the staff are believers from overseas and the local community. The ministry began after a group of foreign Christian English teachers began volunteering weekly at the orphanage. After observing the positive effect of this voluntarism, the local authority granted them the three-story building they currently work out of, to encourage child care and rehabilitation work with these orphans. Although this line of work is very emotionally draining, Bell believes that the benefits far outweigh the costs.

"Work is very rewarding," says Bell. "Although it can be isolating at times, it is fulfilling because I can see the change in these children's lives. We tell the children that God loves them. We pray for their healing, both physically and emotionally. We also ask God to raise up Christian parents who are willing to adopt our little ones. We are very encouraged to see the way God answers our prayers and meets our needs."

The centre keeps a photo album and a detailed record of each child's habits, daily routine, and their likes and dislikes. This record also contains a medical history and updated immunization. Included also are mementos from the child's past, such as the blanket or note that they were found with. These keepsakes are for the adopting families and for the children themselves.

Some of the children, however, never make it to the adoption stage. Occasionally the centre has children come in such critical condition that they die shortly after they are admitted. These babies have been left on the train, on the street or outside a hospital, and often go unattended for days. In light of these tragic conditions, it is especially important to the workers at the centre to take exceptional care of these babies.

"We allow these children to die with dignity," says Bell. "We provide palliative care for them, and feed them. The centre wants these babies to experience the love of God in these ways."

After two years of challenging ministry at the centre, Bell looks forward to more. When asked how much more time she will spend in Asia serving in this capacity, she states simply:

"This is my calling, and I will continue to do this work as long as the Lord leads."

** due to the sensitive nature of this article, a pseudonym has been used, and some details have been omitted*

Intentionally Multicultural Churches II

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2001

8:00 AM-4:30 PM

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A follow-up of the very successful first conference, this one-day workshop will be full of practical "how-to" sessions on making the transition to a multicultural church that reflects the community it serves.

This day is jointly sponsored by TIM Centre, local churches, and mission agencies.

For more information: Brian Seim 905.828.8274 or TIM Centre, Tyndale, at ext. 2708.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

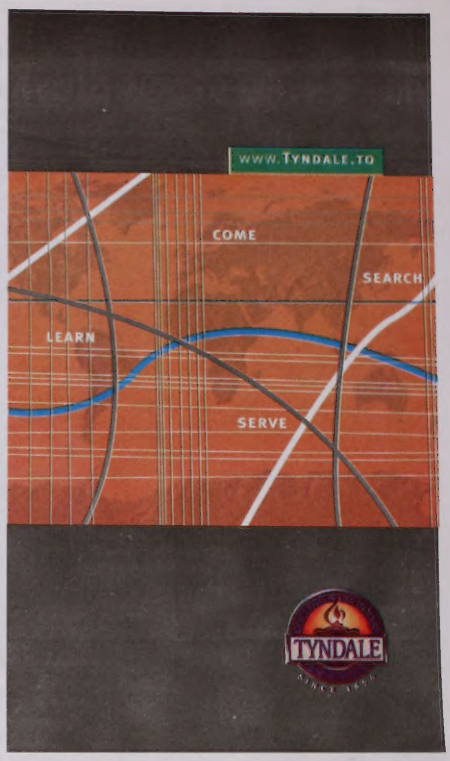
As of November 6, 2000, we have been informed by BDO Dunwoody Limited (the bankruptcy Trustee of Tyndale) that we have fully completed our part in paying off the final amount under the terms of bankruptcy protection.

In June of 1995, as the then Board of Governors saw the difficult position the school was in and the imminent possibility of falling into bankruptcy, they passed a resolution called a Notice of Intention to make a Proposal (Subsection 50.4(1) of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act) which was filed with the Official Receiver on June 28, 1995. BDO Dunwoody Limited was then appointed as Trustee and on October 16, 1995 filed a Proposal to Creditors with the Official Receiver. This proposal was presented to and accepted at a meeting of the creditors on November 7, 1995.

Now that Tyndale has fulfilled its obligations under the Proposal, it is no longer operating under the supervision of the Trustee. The overall debt has been reduced from $6.3 million in the summer of 1995 to about $1 million today. With thanks to the Lord, we have concluded one of the most difficult and memorable chapters in the life of the school.

We know that this miraculous turnaround would not have been possible without the help of our faithful constituencies, who have shown their support in many ways. I want to express on behalf of the Board of Governors, the Cabinet, faculty, staff and students our deep thanks to all of those who have partnered with the school to regain its integrity and momentum as a centre of education where Christian truths and values shape students' learning. As a new year approaches, Tyndale looks forward to what God has in store for the school and its ministry.

Brian C. Stiller
President



Peace in the Middle East

THE CHALLENGE OF DOING MISSION TODAY

By Wafik Wahba, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology,
Tyndale College

Because of the latest images of violence, anger, and killing in the Middle East, peace might be the last thing that comes to mind. For so many years, events in the Middle East have captured the focus of world attention. The everlasting Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the struggle for controlling oil supplies, human crisis, and the most devastating ecological crisis in the 20th century during the Gulf War a decade ago are all conflicts that have plagued the present generation. Political instability and economic crises are fundamental features of the region. Can peace be attained or even hoped for in such a context?

As someone who grew up in the Middle East and has experienced many of these conflicts first-hand, I am strongly convinced that there is only one hope for the people there. The only source of true and everlasting peace is in Christ, the King of Peace. Almost 2,000 years ago, right in this land of violence today, Jesus promised his disciples, "Peace I leave to you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives" (John 14:27). Everlasting peace will never be achieved through new measures of security, or signing peace treaties. Unless people experience the love of God, manifested in Christ's redemption and forgiveness, there will be no peace. Peace is not the absence of war. Peace comes from within the human heart, based on reconciliation with God. The word peace in Hebrew is *Shalom* and in Arabic, *Salaam*, which both reflect a sense of wholeness and satisfaction. That kind of integrated wholeness is not achieved from outside circumstances and conditions, but from within the human self.

The fact that there is a Christian presence in the Middle East, which spans from Apostolic times to our own today, is hardly known by the average Western Christian. We so easily assume that Christianity disappeared from the Middle East centuries ago. Today, there are over 20 million indigenous Christians living in the region, with the largest Christian community living in Egypt. By remaining indigenous to the area where Christianity began, they link the world church historically with its origins. Emigration and persecution, however, have reduced the Christian population to less than five percent of the total population of 400 million.

The imperatives that mandate missions in this most strategic region of the unreached world are many: 1) Middle East and North Africa are the least evangelized regions in the globe. We must redeploy world frontier missions resources to respond to the great need in this area. Currently, the church worldwide spends just 0.65% of its missions resources on the region. 2) We need to use new methodologies in doing mission. The Middle East is experiencing population explosion. The population is growing at 1 million people a month! This means that by the year 2025, the population of the Middle East will reach 800 million, double the population of Europe and North America combined. How do we reach this massive number of people?

Peace comes from within the human heart, based on reconciliation with God.

One of the most powerful and unique forms of mission that is currently impacting the Middle East and North Africa is the use of media. Television has become the primary source of information, education and entertainment. The use of Christian Satellite TV since 1996 has opened up unprecedented opportunities to reach out to millions of people right in their homes. 3) We need to pray for and encourage the scattered Christian community of the Middle East. Their faith, service and witness are the most effective tools for reaching the region. 4) Western Christians need to project a different, more global image of Christianity. We need to be informed and aware of what is happening outside our comfort zones so that we might be partners in God's work in the world. We need to be reminded that we are sent to the world not on the basis of our capabilities and power but because of his promise: "All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples…" (Matthew 28:20).

At the heart of the church's mission today is the proclamation of the good news of the gospel. The church is called to life through the gospel of Christ's self-giving. What makes the church is reconciliation 'in the blood of Christ' and its own self-giving for the reconciliation of the world. Today, the church of the Middle East participates in Christ's suffering. It is persecuted and abandoned. However, it lives the victory of Christ's resurrection and is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. It rejoices in proclaiming the good news, the gospel of peace, to the tormented, confused and desperate world.

Student profile

Richard & Comfort Sarfo

First-year college student Richard Sarfo enrolled at Tyndale for the fall 2000 semester, leaving his wife Comfort and their six children behind in Obuasi, Ghana. Although a difficult decision for the family, they both prayerfully concluded that this route to Richard's ministry training was best. Here is their story.

My name is Richard Sarfo. I come from Ghana and live in Obuasi, the gold mining centre of the country. I was born and raised in Kumasi, the second largest city in Ghana. I am married to my wife Comfort, and we have six children. The eldest is 18 years of age, the youngest is 4 years old, and I am 46. I became a Christian at the age of 18, in 1972, at the Holy Spirit Church of Grace. In 1980, I became a pastor in the church and after having served four years there, I was promoted to assist the national overseer. When she died in 1992, I then became the national overseer of the church. In 1993, Holy Spirit Church of Grace changed its name to Foot Light Bible Church.

I first studied at Garden City Commercial College, then pursued my diploma in education at Ghana Christian College and Seminary from 1993-1995. In 1998, God laid it upon my heart to open a Bible school in the Obuasi district. I bought a land of 8.6 hectares to make the necessary preparations. I was then directed by God to study at Bible school, this time abroad, not in Ghana. I began to search for a school in the U.S.A. or Canada. I have a friend in Canada who gave to me the addresses of five schools in Canada, and Tyndale was one of them. Tyndale was the first one to respond to my application, so then I began to work with the administration there to enrol at the college.

At the moment, I am being sponsored by my church in Ghana, and I received the Hazel L. Phillips/Bigham Memorial Bursary from Canada.

I am pursuing my Bachelor of Religious Education in Pastoral Studies at Tyndale College to help me train the junior pastors I work with in Ghana. I am also at the college to learn the cross-cultural Christian life and expand my worldview for the Bible school I plan to open in my country.

After graduation, I shall return to Ghana because I have a lot to do for my people.

My name is Comfort Sarfo, and I am the wife of Rev. Richard Sarfo.

I have been married to my husband for 19 years, and up until he left for Toronto, he had never been separated from our family for more than a month. So, him studying in Canada is very difficult for our family, and we can only manage the affairs back home without him if we depend on the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the patron of the women's fellowship at the Foot Light Bible Church. While supporting various groups at the church, I am involved with two main aspects of church life: financial and spiritual. I am not so much involved with the administration aspect, as I am the supporting mother of the church.

I see my role in my husband's study at Tyndale as a sacrificial work from both myself and our family. I do my best to support Richard, though, through advice and care.

To conclude, I would like to say, may God help us to achieve our goals and objectives by having the Obuasi Bible school built for the glory of God.

Missions/Intercultural Programs Offered at Tyndale Seminary

by **Robert Derrenbacker,** Ph.D. (cand.)
Associate Dean, Tyndale Seminary

Tyndale Seminary offers a wide range of programs and emphases within Missions and Intercultural Studies. Tyndale is one of just a few Canadian seminaries that presents students with the opportunity to pursue a graduate degree or diploma in the area of Missions, either in a part- or full-time capacity. The MDiv in Intercultural Studies affords the student training for missions work worldwide. In this three-year program (full-time), the student is exposed to a wide-range of contemporary missiology theory and practice, both in the classroom and beyond through the supervised ministry program in a cross-cultural context. This degree exposes the student to a variety of courses inside and outside of the Missions/Intercultural program, including Theology of Mission, History of Missions, and Cultural Anthropology, as well as courses in Biblical languages, theology, Church history, and Biblical studies.

The MTS in Global Ministries allows the student to complete a seminary Masters degree in two years, offering further specialization to missionaries and other cross-cultural workers, and to those students wishing to explore their own calling to missions. This track is built on a solid foundation of theology and Biblical studies courses, complemented by ministry focus courses and two practicums. The MTS can readily be completed as a full-time student over two years, ideal for those who come back from the missions field for a two-year home assignment.

Finally, the Diploma in Christian Studies with an Intercultural Focus is a one-year (full-time) program that stresses three components—Biblical/ theological awareness, cross-cultural preparedness, and spiritual formation. This is the ideal program for missions workers on a one-year home assignment, for bi-vocational missionaries (tentmakers) seeking further training, or for anyone wishing to explore the possibility of cross-cultural or global ministry.

It is truly an exciting time to be part of the Missions/Intercultural/ Global foci at Tyndale. While the department is currently in a time of transition with the departure of Dr. Irving Whitt, who recently assumed the responsibility of Missions Education Coordinator for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, we are actively searching for his successor. This year, the full complement of Missions/Intercultural courses are being taught by several accomplished Adjunct Professors who bring to the classroom a variety of missions and cross-cultural experiences. If you have any questions about the program, please contact me at ext. 6744.

A Widow's Cry
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proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed. . .Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:18-19,20). This is our hope: a compassionate God who sees the oppression, evil, and unjust acts going on in this world, who sees the tears and who hears the cries. A God who took the evil and oppression upon himself to save us from the evil of our own hearts: this is the hope we can bring to the world.

There is a second part to the story in Exodus. God, who could have saved the Israelites on his own, instead chose to use a human, Moses, in the rescue of his people from oppression. And he is continuing to use humans today. He wants to use us in this special mission of rescuing the oppressed of the world, a mission close to his heart. I really believe that as Christians we must not ignore the tough spots in the world. There are millions of people caught in war zones. They are desperate for relief and peace. We might be able to offer them some relief through aid and development, but more importantly, we have the true peace of God that can touch their hearts. They need to hear this Good News.

In Kosovo, while working through the Widows' Assistance Program, our World Relief team rebuilt widow's homes, distributed emergency supplies such as food, blankets, winter clothes, wood stoves, firewood, essential household items, and advocated on their behalf. But more importantly, we spent time with the widows on a daily basis, listening to their stories, crying with them, and getting to know them personally. It was exciting to watch them heal and move from despair to hope. We had incredible opportunities to share God's love. This is what I have learned it means to care for widows and orphans in their distress.

Let us not be afraid to listen to the cries of those suffering around the world today, and let us not be afraid to do something about it.

Valerie Whitt was born to missionary parents in Kenya, East Africa. She describes herself as a restless wanderer, in love with international travel, adventure, and has a call and desire to partner with the poor and victims of war. Whitt, a graduate of the University of Toronto with a degree in nursing, spent three years in North Carolina working with refugees in a public health department. From May 1999-June 2000, she served with World Relief USA in Albania, Kosova, and Sudan, focusing her work on war widows. Over the next couple of years Whitt will be working on her Diploma in Christian Studies with an Intercultural Focus at Tyndale Seminary part-time, and retraining in emergency nursing. After completion of these two tracks, she plans to pursue graduate studies in international disaster response focusing on emergency public health, women's issues, and economics of humanitarian aid.

Beautiful Feet

By Daniel D. Scott, DMin
Associate Dean of Professional Studies, and Professor of Intercultural Studies, Tyndale College

Practiced for centuries in China, missionaries are credited with beginning to stop the practice of foot binding. Jan Wong in her fascinating book, *Red China Blues*, relates her experience upon viewing her grandmother's feet:

"I couldn't help staring at her tiny feet… Granny … slipped off her velvet slippers and let me feel her foot…it felt like the hard and bony claw of some prehistoric bird…All the toes except the big one had been completely bent underneath the ball of her foot….Having bound feet was like walking on permanently broken bones. For all the pain and mutilation she had undergone, her feet were still too big—at least twice the ideal of three inches."

Though missionaries assisted in stopping this practice, they have often been accused in this situation and others with damaging the culture. Is it possible to bear a Christian message without destroying culture? Are there principles for transforming culture?

In *Communication Theory for Christian Witness*, Charles H. Kraft suggests there are fundamental principles that relate specifically to the missionary endeavour. It is Kraft's contention that it is possible to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ in ways that do not destroy the culture.

Kraft states that it is of paramount importance that the undesirable cultural element be understood from the point of view of the people group. Too often missionaries have jumped in, feet first, and loosening the bands on the feet have, as a result, missed the heart. The first of Kraft's principles of transformation is then to walk in their shoes (to borrow a concept from Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*). One need not approve of the custom but Christian concern dictates that one respect the culture. Understanding the cultural element enables the missionary to assess the extent of cultural disruption if such a custom were to be legislated out of existence. Such a disruption, if done in the name of Christ, would result in the serious miscommunication of the gospel.

Keeping the peoples' heart open to the gospel may mean not focusing on cultural change. Principle number two suggests that we concentrate on the heart—and the feet will follow. Focusing on such peripheral change as foot binding can prove a hindrance to conversion. The goal should be that they hear the good news of Jesus, not the bad news about foot binding.

Paul's strategy at Mars Hill concentrated on the heart. He began with the Athenian philosophers' conception of God and God's relationship with human beings. He then moved his listeners toward a Christian worldview and transformed their understanding of God and his relationship with human beings.

Kraft states another principle of transformation. The appeal for cultural change should initially be made with the opinion leaders of the culture. In other words, do not focus cultural change on those with bound feet but instead influence those who desire bound feet. Opinion leaders are people or groups whose opinions are sought and followed. Often Christians ignore and even steer clear of opinion leaders. If opinion leaders are not won over as friends, they will inevitably become enemies and lead the resistance against Christianity.

As Christianity begins to influence culture, change is more effectively brought about by groups than by individuals. It is easier for a village of women with bound feet to change than for one on her own. This principle is why movements are of such importance in cultural transformation. When people come in groups, the process of transformation is typically both facilitated and speeded up by the cross-fertilization of ideas.

If transformation is to be effective it needs to take place both at the level of thought and of behaviour. People need time to change. Another principle is to allow time for change. Just as it takes years to bind a foot, so it can also take time to loosen a foot.

Not everyone agrees with the principles that Charles Kraft has put forward. However, they are worth pondering as a guide for gospel communication. Heeding them may cause others to say of us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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Paul Marshall

Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Dr. Paul Marshall was on campus October 24 to speak at Tyndale's weekly community chapel service. After the service, there was a signing of his latest book, *Heaven is Not My Home*, in the Tyndale bookstore. Marshall, who is Senior Fellow at Freedom House in Washington, DC, is a renown scholar on religious persecution and is editor of the *World Survey of Religious Freedom*.

Consultation on Mandarin Ministry

Shown are Rev. Dr. Peter Au, Chair of the Consultation Planning Committee, along with Dr. Jeffrey Greenman, Tyndale Seminary Academic Dean and VP.

The first event sponsored by Tyndale's new Hudson Taylor Centre for Chinese Ministries, along with the Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism-Canada, took place on campus October 13 and 14. The "Consultation on Mandarin Ministry" drew a crowd of over 150 the first evening and 170 the next day. Participants represented 50 churches, and six were from outside Ontario, including two delegates from Edmonton, Alberta.

Going Global...
Why Cross-cultural Training

by Robert Cousins

The Canadian government's recent research of Canadian expatriates in overseas occupations discovered the following facts: 70% of those polled preferred their overseas posting to working in Canada. However, only 20% of the Canadian expatriates were seen by their host co-workers as being truly effective in their personal and work-related activities.

Alarming? Imagine the implications for Canadian churches and mission agencies. Could this be a wake-up call to all of us involved in "going global" whether we define it as reaching out in our multicultural urban context in Canada or in a distant land? Surely the illusion of the "global village" does not release us from the opportunity and effort to develop cross-cultural skills.

MissionPrep, a partnership of Mission Internship (Canada) and TIM Centre, seeks to prepare Christians for effective cross-cultural ministry. In 1999 over 70 missionaries were trained by MissionPrep for overseas service.

Most will acknowledge the need for such training for "professional missionaries" but what about leaders in the local church grappling with the multicultural demographic changes in their neighbourhoods? Over 300 attended the one-day Intentionally Multicultural Churches conference last February in Toronto. Surely this is an indication that the church is waking up to the need to understand the multicultural context in which God has called us to serve in Canada. Can we expect effective ministry without an understanding of the culture and the impact it has on shaping our view of life and our relationships?

A multicultural church is an opportunity for a foretaste of heaven right here on earth. Moving towards what God intends will need much prayer, love and greater understanding of the cultures he has brought into our midst. MissionPrep can help you with that final step to "going global" whether in Canada or to the ends of the earth.

MissionPrep is committed to helping churches, mission agencies and individuals develop awareness and skill for cross-cultural ministry. For more information contact me at 416.284.5645 or e-mail micanada@interlog.com.

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Art Competition & Exhibition

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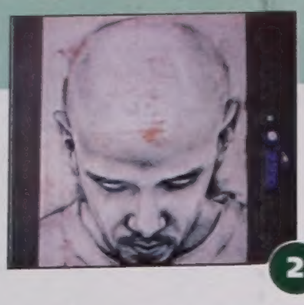
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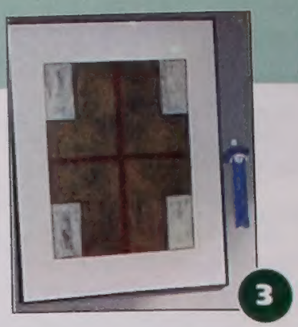
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As part of the opening of the exhibition and competition, art historian Dr. Peter Larisey, presented a lecture on "The Open and Compassionate Eye: How Christians Can Look at Modern and Contemporary Art."

Tyndale's second annual art competition and exhibition took place between September 29-October 4 on campus. There were over 240 submissions received for the competition. This year's theme was "Evidence of Things Unseen: Expressions of Christian Faith."

All submissions were reviewed by a three member jury consisting of Dr. Doris McCarthy, a well-known Canadian landscape artist who received an Order of Canada in 1987; Rev. Michael Mills, a Lutheran pastor who is also a widely exhibited artist in oil and watercolour; and Mrs. Ernestine Tahedl, who is past president of the Ontario Society of Artists.

If you are a Christian artist and would like to display your work in Tyndale's designated gallery area, please contact Sabrina Low at 416.223.8139.

(left to right) Jurors Doris McCarthy and Michael Mills shown with Sabrina Low, art coordinator and Tyndale board member. Inset, juror Ernestine Tahedl.

The following prizes were presented at the awards ceremony at Tyndale on September 30, 2000.

FIRST PRIZE, $1,500:
Thistle Crown, by Dora Helen Mackie. Woodblock print on musa paper, 24 x 18 inches.

SECOND PRIZE, $1,000:
A Still Small Voice, by Nathan Turner. Charcoal, conte, graphite, gesso on, 48 x 36 inches.

THIRD PRIZE (TIE), $375:
Red Cross, by Karl AuYeung. Acrylic on paper, 28 x 20 inches.

THIRD PRIZE (TIE), $375:
Regeneration, by Joan Spavins. Acrylic, 22 x 30 inches.

Winter 2001 Evening Classes

All evening classes are held weekly from 6:30-9:30 pm, January 15-April 19

COLLEGE COURSES

MONDAYS

ENGL 275 Poetry and Drama (Ritch) *(Note: This course may be taken in place of Introduction To English Literature)*

GMIN 210 Introduction To Theatre (R. Peters)

PAST 334 Evangelism (Wong)

RLGS 103 Christian Theology (Wahba)

TUESDAYS

RLGS 240 Text and Interpretation: Galatians (Thomson)

HIST 341 American Thought and Culture in the Nineteenth Century (Miedema)

COMM LE13/ COMM 111 Mass Media, Pop Culture and World View (Nielson)

GMIN 204 Children's Ministry (Quirie)

Communications Certificate Cohort

WEDNESDAYS

INTC 203 Mission in Culture: The Black Experience (K. Peters and Gillard)

RLGS 233 Ethics Of Jesus: Sermon On The Mount (Duez)

THURSDAYS

LANG 372 Elementary New Testament Greek II (Bennett) Section 2

TESL 330 Teaching English As A Second Language Communicatively (Gibbs)

PAST 338 Senior Pastoral Seminar (Wong)

Degree Completion Program Cohorts x 4

SEMINARY

MONDAYS

MISS 0788 Urban Ministry II (Tobias)

COUN 0672 Human Sexuality and the Therapeutic Relationship (Scuse)

PAST 0543 Administrative and Planning Skills for Use In Congregations (Mathewson)

THEO 0532 Systematic Theology II (Husbands) Section 1 S105

SPIR 0542 Foundations of Christian Spirituality (Sherbino)

MTS Modular Cohorts x 3 S101, S102, S201

TUESDAYS

BIBL 0501 Interpreting and Applying the Biblical Text (Derrenbacker) Section 2

OLDT 0614 Isaiah (Leggett)

YMIN 0695 Effective Youth Ministry in Immigrant Settings (Yeung)

PENT 0501 Impact of 20th Century Pentecostalism (Johnson) Section 2 @ CPS

MTS Modular Cohorts x 3 S101, S102, S201

WEDNESDAYS

HIST 0562 History of Christianity II (Larsen)

MISS 0781 / THEO 0731 Mission In Culture: The Black Experience (K. Peters and Gillard)

NEWT 0522 New Testament Theology And History (Calvert-Koyzis)

THEO 0535 Christian Ethics (Beverley)

THURSDAYS

NEWT 0322 Elementary Greek II (Bennett) Section 2

TESL 0530 Teaching English As A Second Language Communicatively (Gibbs)

SMIN 0001/0002 Supervised Ministry First Year Groups (Grills) Section 2

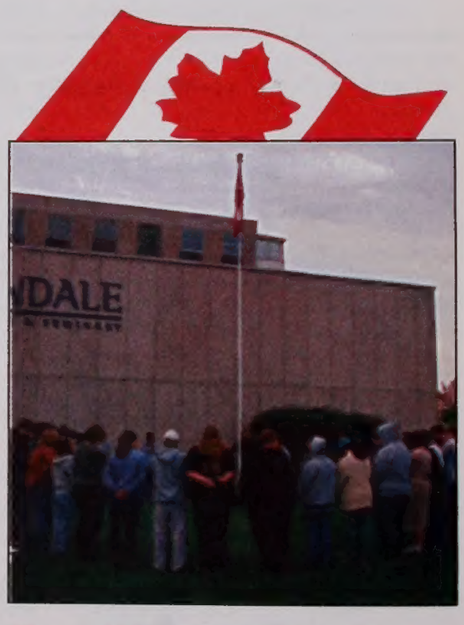
CHIN 0605 Pastoral Counselling in the Chinese Church (Poon and Lee)

NEWT 0526 Revelation (Matheson) @ Oakville

SATURDAYS

THEO 0532 Systematic Theology II (Zeigler) Section 2 @ Oakville, Saturdays, Jan 20, Feb 3, 17, Mar 3, 24, Apr 7; 9:30 A.M. To 4:30 P.M.

SPIR 0610 / THEO 0637 Protestant Spiritual Traditions (Greenman, Coordinator), Saturdays @ Tyndale, Dates: Jan 20, Feb 3, 17, Mar 3, 24, Apr 7, 21, 28



See You at the Pole

ON SEPTEMBER 20, at 7 AM, about 70 students from Tyndale gathered around the flagpole in front of the school to pray. This is a movement that began from a simple prayer meeting of teenagers from Texas, who attended a DiscipleNow weekend in 1990. The rally spread to Canada in 1993 when 30,000 teens participated. Since then, a day every September is selected as "See You at the Pole Day" and students across North America take this opportunity to pray as a community for various causes.

College Student profile

Leona Enns and Veronika Enns are both first-year students at Tyndale College. They are sisters who come from Germany, and were born and raised in the city of Bonn, the former capital of West Germany. They grew up in a Christian family with a Free Evangelical Church background. Last year, while doing an Internet search for Christian colleges that offered programs in both sociology and youth ministry, they discovered that Tyndale had the programs they were looking for, and decided to apply. Their parents and younger brother, who are still living in Bonn, were supportive of this decision to study overseas.

PHOTOS K. MUNK

NAME

Leona Enns

PROGRAM

Bachelor of Religious Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences

Why did you decide to enrol at Tyndale?

It's been a dream since I was 10 years old to study at a Christian school, and I wanted to major in sociology, so Tyndale's BRS in Social Sciences and Humanities program looked like the best one for me. Plus, my sister was looking for a youth ministry program, and Tyndale offered both programs that we were interested in. We had been telling our parents for years that we planned to go to North America to study but we didn't know where until we found out about Tyndale. The program I am in is open-ended, so I can do a lot with it after graduation.

How did you become a Christian?

I had been a Christian all my life but I didn't always know why. When I was 14, I didn't want to be a Christian anymore because I didn't want to be like my parents and family, so I tried to live without God. But I realized that I needed God for every aspect of life—in school and in relationships, and I felt really empty without him. My real decision to follow God was made when I was 16, in my last year of high school, at a time when friends were a really important part of my life. My friends were involved with the wrong things and going the wrong way, and I knew that I didn't want to go that way. Also, I felt something holding me back from their type of lifestyle. That was God. After I realized this, I had to separate from these friends and found Christian friends.

Describe your Tyndale College experience so far.

It is a totally new experience at this school. I can really look up to the professors because they are Christians. On Tuesday evenings, I'm involved with street runs downtown, and I'm really enjoying them because it is a new experience. I thought the people (we visit with) would be depressed or unfriendly, but they want to talk and they appreciate spending time with us. We are not there just to share about God, we are there to show our love as well.

NAME

Veronika Enns

PROGRAM

Bachelor of Religious Education in Youth Ministry

Why did you decide to enrol at Tyndale?

I had attended a once a year youth conference in Germany and it was there I made a decision to truly follow God, so I then decided to get involved in church ministry. I took a six-month discipleship course called "Master Your Life." We met weekly with two counsellors leading us. As a lay leader at my church, I was involved with the youth ministry. This was an awesome experience because I was able to counsel girls who were 12-16 years old. Also, after I graduated from high school, I did a six-month internship at an orphanage in Chicago, which also led to this direction of study in youth ministry. There are no Bible colleges in Germany, and at seminary, you could only study theology, so we (Leona and I) were glad that Tyndale offered programs that suited both our interests.

Describe your Tyndale College experience so far.

This has been a great experience at Tyndale. Before coming here, I spent the last six months working in a non-Christian environment, and there was no time for me to do youth ministry. Now, I am surrounded by Christians, and I really enjoy that. My sister and I have each had our own life experiences, and so it was neat to come to the same place to study. Bonn is not a big city like Toronto, and here, it is very multicultural.

PHOTO K. MUNK

What are your career goals?

I plan to work with young girls after graduation. I'm open to going back to Germany or staying in Canada, because there are not many full-time positions available in Germany. Churches in Germany do not have many full-time workers so they need a lot of volunteers. In Germany, Christianity, both Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, are well-accepted but many people only go to church on holidays and do not live the Christian life.

Intersession Classes 2001

MONDAY JANUARY 8 TO FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 2001

Classes meet from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., with daily chapel services from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Please register by Friday December 22, 2000 Courses may be subject to cancellation due to low enrolment.

COLLEGE COURSES

RLGS 361 The Church and the Contemporary World (Wafik Wahba)

LITR 374 Studies in C.S. Lewis (Elizabeth Davey)

SEMINARY COURSES

KORN 0588 Preaching in the Korean Context (Thomas Hwang) This course will be offered from Tuesday, January 2 to Saturday, January 6, 2001.

CHED 0213/PAST 0545 Leadership for Servants (Yau-Man Siew)

INTD 0586 Strategies for Research (2 credits) (Nancy Calvert-Koyzis and Sandy Finlayson) This course will be held on Wednesday January 10 and Thursday January 11.

PENT 0504 Pentecostal Spirituality (Steve Land) This course is jointly sponsored by the Canadian Pentecostal Seminary.

THEO 0737 World Religions (James Beverley and J. Gordon Melton) Prerequisite: THEO 0531, 0532

MISS 0786 Poverty in Canada: The Church's Witness Among the Poor (Rick Tobias) Note: this course will be held at the Yonge Street Mission, with a maximum of 15 students in this class.

OLDT 0716 Old Testament Narrative Preaching (Kent Edwards) Students will be expected to prepare pre-seminar assignments in advance of the course: advance registration is essential. Contact the instructor at kedwards@gcts.edu for assignments.

JOINT COLLEGE & SEMINARY COURSES

YMIN 0692/YOUT 211 Adolescence and Postmodern Media (Pamela Erwin and Paul Robertson)

EXTENSION EDUCATION PROGRAM – GRADUATE STUDIES

Same time and dates as courses on the main campus. Please register through the main campus and not at the sites listed below.

OTTAWA

NEWT 0520 Colossians (Allen Churchill)
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 82 Kent Street, Ottawa, ON

OAKVILLE

OLDT 0610 Women in the Old Testament (Rebecca Idestrom)
Chartwell Baptist Church, 228 Chartwell Road, Oakville, ON

Michael Coren

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Broadcaster and columnist Michael Coren was the guest speaker at a Tyndale Life chapel service on September 28, and after giving his testimony, he engaged the audience in a lively question and answer period about various social issues. Host of the television show *Michael Coren Live* on CTS, he is also a columnist for *The Toronto Sun*, a regular book critic for *The National Post*, and the author of eight books, including biographies of G.K. Chesterton, H.G. Wells, Arthur Conan Doyle, and C.S. Lewis.

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Alumni Keeping in Touch

Please use this section as a prayer guide.

THE COLLEGE

THE FIFTIES

Esther (Collins) McGibbon '53 and **Katharine Prowse** '53 left on April 5, 2000 for seven weeks in Nigeria visiting places of personal interest. They visited the various SIM stations where Katharine had worked for 37 years in various capacities. Katharine taught literacy, biblical knowledge in government schools, supervised the catering, sold Christian literature and helped to begin laying down a language that previously had no written form. For Esther, going to Nigeria also held special significance. Her mother, Iona Collins, had died in Nigeria when Esther was only six years old; this was the first time Esther had visited her mother's grave. Katharine and Esther marked this experience as "the trip of a lifetime."

Dr. Murray L. Hicks '58 is now a hospice chaplain in Vero Beach, Florida serving the terminally ill. He has pastored Grace Church in Niagara Falls, Wortley Baptist in London, Ontario and four Conservative Baptist Churches in the USA. Murray has served as a President of the Associated Gospel Churches of Canada, Secretary of the Conservative Baptist Churches of America, a Moderator with the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches of Canada and a member of the Advisory Council with International Ministries to Israel. His wife Lois is a dedicated co-worker. They have four sons and four grandchildren.

THE SIXTIES

Walter Nolson '60 has spent 35 years as a teacher, vice-principal and principal with the Scarborough Board of Education. Walter and his wife, **Dianne** (Coll 1983 and Sem 2000) had the privilege of participating in three church plants and were active volunteers at

Fair Havens Bible Conference for 40 years. Dianne, after graduating with an MTS from Tyndale, is currently teaching kindergarten at Durham Christian Academy, with Walter continuing volunteer work at Fair Havens, curling and golfing in season and assisting Rev. Laird Crump with a new church in Markham. Walter was diagnosed with cancer in December of 1997 and has been through four major surgeries and chemo. His surgeon, Dr. Hanna, calls him a walking miracle because his health is "quite normal." Walter and Dianne have fours sons and eight grandchildren.

Grover Crosby '68 received an Honourary Doctorate of Divinity on June 19, 2000 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, in recognition of his worldwide contribution to evangelism through partnership with National Mission Movements. **Faith Crosby** '67 continues her conference ministry to women across Canada.

Jack and **Margaret Bart** '60 have been married for 40 years, and had a ministry in church planting in Argentina for 20 years. They have also served in Canada with Latin American Missions for 10 years, and spent 10 years pastoring both Hispanic and Canadian congregations. They have three daughters and five grandchildren.

THE SEVENTIES

Paul '75 and **Candy (Harris)** '73 **Adams** serve at the Niverville Mennonite Church, where Paul is the Pastor. Prior to entering the Mennonite Church of Canada, he served as a Pastor in the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.

Hume and **Carol (Clymer)** '70 Milroy and their two sons, Chad (23) and Darcy (21) have recently moved from Calgary, Alberta to Cochrane, Alberta so Hume could begin work on his M. Div. program at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary. Hume began his degree two years ago but withdrew when Chad was diagnosed with complete kidney failure. Chad had to be moved home (he was studying at Canadian Bible College in Regina). Carol was his primary caregiver for 18 months as the family learned and adjusted to living with this disease. Chad drives to Calgary for dialysis three times a week. He is stable and is waiting for a kidney transplant. Darcy is healthy and working full-time. Hume and Carol would love to hear from any former colleagues. Their e-mail address is available on the alumni e-mail website.

THE EIGHTIES

Sandy '83 and **Dave Roberts** '84 have been in Zambia for 10 years now. Dave and Sandy work as the Secretary for Fellowship Workers for the Evangelical Church in Zambia. Dave is an assistant area director with SIM. He is also a member of the board for the Theological College of Central Africa, an interdenominational, accredited Bible College offering a three-year diploma and four-year BTh programs. Sandy assists in the responsibilities for member care, particularly in the area of counselling. Their daughter Becky is currently enjoying her first term at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya as a grade 8 student. Her passion is reading and she enjoys computer games and swimming. Siblings Jason and Sarah continue at Sakeji, now in their last term of grades 5 and 4 respectively. Jason loves swimming and baseball. Sarah has started piano lessons and enjoys the social interaction of schoolmates. Please pray for Dave's health since he has recently had two rounds of malaria.

Mike and **Catherine (Butler) Chan** '89 are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel, born on April 9, 2000. Rachel is a little sister for brother Joshua (3). Catherine is stay-at-home mom while Mike is a proof reader for Nett Works.

After serving a year in Sidon, Lebanon, Sharon and **Jim Foster** '86 give thanks to God for the safe delivery of a son, Jonathan David, born on May 14, 2000. They are also thankful that their children, Julianna and James, have handled all the travel and transition well and are happily settled in their new school. First Alliance Church in Toronto is their home church for the year in Canada. Please pray for discernment for their ministry placement upon their return to Lebanon next summer and also for provision for their monthly support and other needs.

Bill and **Lisa (McCallum) Moore** '86 are pleased to announce the birth (at home) of daughter, Naomi Gwen, on March 25, 2000. Naomi is a little sister for William (3).

William '81 and **Bonita Wilkinson** '81 returned to Davao City, Philippines at the end of August for their fourth term with OMF International. They manage a guest home for the mission as well as have a prayer counselling ministry. They have two sons, Nate and Kris, who are in grades 10 and 7 respectively. They ask us to pray for peace in the Philippines.

Bonita (Vandenburg) and **Mike Miedema** '89 give praise to God for the birth of their son, Joshua Nathaniel Sidney, born on June 14, 2000 (on their 10th wedding anniversary). Mike has completed his M. Div. at Calvin Seminary in Michigan and is the Pastor of Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Bowmanville, ON. Bonita is a nurse practitioner.

THE YEAR 2000

Gary '99 and **Jaclyn (McKay) Armstrong** '00 were married on July 22, 2000. Jaclyn is working with the Salvation Army at Broadview Village. Gary is an assistant manager at McDonald's and is actively seeking a position as a Youth Pastor. They have recently moved to Thornhill.

THE SEMINARY

THE NINETIES

John Beukema '92 has been senior pastor at The Village Church in Western Springs, Illinois since 1996. He has received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. His book, *Stories from God's Heart*, was published by Moody Press and released in May of 2000.

Holly Du '98 is teaching occupational health and safety with Timberlane in Zhongshan, Canton, in China.

THE YEAR 2000

Trent Parmiter '00 has accepted a position as a counsellor at The Gateway. This is a 100 bed hostel facility reaching out to homeless men in the downtown Toronto area.

MEMORIALS

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families and the friends of the following people who have passed from this life into the next.

John O. Moran '40, February 22, 2000.

Frederick Davison '51, April 26, 2000.

Jean Kotanen '47, June 21, 2000.

Ron Clark '55, September 15, 2000.

Desmond Meed '61, September 24, 2000.

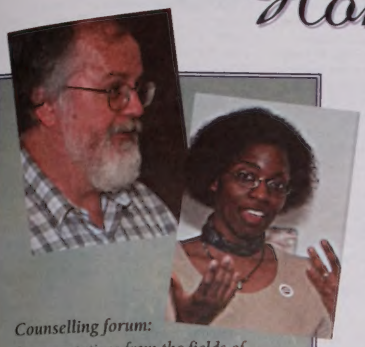
Kenneth Hayes LBI '49, September 27, 2000.

The Reverend Kevin Liscombe passed away on October 25, 2000. He was the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Roslin, ON in the Presbytery of Kingston. He was a graduate of Tyndale College (BRE, 1994), McGill University (BTh) and the Prebyterian College in Montreal (MDiv). He is survived by his wife Ann and their four children, Melissa (21), Emily (17), Heather (15) and Aaron (13). Rev. Liscombe had a particular interest in youth ministry. The family address is 99 Hoskin Rd., Plainfield, ON, K0K 2V0.

Alumni News

If you have alumni news you would like to contribute, please call Sandra Rayner, alumni coordinator, at (416) 218-6789 or toll free at 1-877-TYNDALE. The e-mail address is alumni@tyndale.to

Homecoming 2000



Counselling forum: *Representatives from the fields of private practice, hospital and prison chaplaincy, pastoral ministry, and community counselling agencies shared their stories of working in the field with fellow counselling grads and current students.*

The class of 1960 came together (from as far away as Greece) to celebrate their 40th reunion.

Alumni IN Service

Pastors, Missionaries, Layworkers—The Tyndale Office of Alumni would like photos of alumni in service, for potential use in promotional items for the Alumni Association as well as for Tyndale College & Seminary. Types of photos include preaching, teaching, pastoring, healthcare work, or the particular field where God has led you. If you have photos you would like to contribute, please send them to Sandra Rayner, Alumni Coordinator. Please indicate if the photo(s) needs to be returned, and include a return address. Electronic copies can also be e-mailed to alumni@tyndale.to.

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The ALUMNI CARD will be the only identification you will need to access on-campus discounts and special services.

More details will be in the next issue of *Connection*

LBI/LCBM Family Reunion 2001

Dates:	May 25th & 26th 2001
Location:	Temple Baptist Church 400 Holiday Inn Dr., Cambridge, ON
Theme:	Caring By Sharing
Theme Verse:	"Carry each other's burdens" Gal. 6:2 NIV
Devotional Speaker:	Dr. Kermit Ecklebarger
Plus...	Class Gatherings & Special Features

Distinguished Alumni

We are accepting nominations from college and seminary alumni for the Distinguished Alumni award which is presented in May. Please send Sandra Rayner the name of your nominee and a brief explanation for your nomination. Faculty at the college and seminary will vote on the finalists.

N O M I N A T I O N F O R M

Nominee Name: _____

Contribution to Secular and Christian Life: _____

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Nominator Name and Telephone Number: _____

Faculty and Staff Notes

Dr. James Beverley, Professor of Theology and Ethics at the Seminary, travelled to India in August for a personal interview with His Holiness the Dalai Lama for an upcoming article in *Christianity Today* magazine. He also spent time researching sacred sites of the Buddhist, Hindu and Sikh faiths in Amritsar, New Delhi and Varanasi. Recently, Beverley reported on Gwen Shamblin and controversies about her Weigh Down diet for *The Toronto Star* and for his Religion Watch column in *Faith Today*. Beverley was also interviewed by *BBC Radio* about the Toronto Blessing on November 9. A Saskatechewan radio station also interviewed him recently about a court case involving a Jehovah's Witness.

Dr. Wanda Malcolm, Associate Professor of Psychology at the College, was guest speaker at the Stratford General Hospital's Annual Clergy Luncheon for community clergy and health care professionals on October 25. Her talk was on "Five Aspects of Forgiveness." That evening, she gave a public lecture, jointly sponsored by the hospital's Pastoral Care Committee and the Stratford and Area Council of Churches, on "To Forgive or Not to Forgive, That is the Question (Or is it?)."

Dr. Wafik Wahba, Professor of Theology at the College, presented the first draft for *Middle East Seminary on the Air* at the Sat 7 Annual Partnership meeting in Beirut, Lebanon on October 28. *Middle East Seminary on the Air* airs theological courses on the radio to thousands of Christian leaders who have no access to theological education in one of the most unreached regions of the world. Wahba also represented Sat 7 North America at the International Board meeting as well as the Partnership meeting, which were held for the first time in Beirut, Lebanon, October 25-30. Sat 7 is a Christian Satellite TV ministry that reaches 10 million viewers every month in the Middle East and North Africa.

Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Director of the Chinese Ministry Program at the Seminary, attended two Association of Theological Schools (ATS) meetings at Pittsburgh in October on "Women in Leadership in Theological Education" (Oct. 6-8) and "Committee on Race and Ethnicity" (Oct. 19-21). She is also working on an essay entitled "The Characterization of Daniel." November was also a busy month, as Leung Lai was invited to represent Tyndale Seminary at the first Global Consultation on Chinese Theological Education, held in Hong Kong (November 10-18) on her way to Nashville, Tennessee for the Annual American Academy of Religion/Society for Biblical Literature meetings (November 18-21).

Gordon Heath, Director of the Degree Completion Program at the College, attended the Christian Adult Higher Education Association (CAHEA) Conference in Boston from August 7-9. CAHEA is an association of colleges and universities that offer non-traditional adult higher education. The three-day conference covered issues and trends related to technology and transformative learning.

Dr. Keith Bodner, Professor of Religious Studies at the College, presented a workshop paper entitled "George Peele and the Drama of Biblical Narrative" at "The Open Book and Scholarship" conference at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario on August 17. Bodner has recently published two book reviews in the journal *Faith & Mission* (17/2 (Spring 2000) 79-85; 83-85). He has reviewed the books *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*, by Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer and *Bound for Freedom: The Book of Exodus in Jewish and Christian Traditions*, by Göran Larsson.

Dr. Dennis Ngien, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Seminary, taught Applied Apologetics at a weekend theological course in Richmond, Vancouver, for Canadian Theological Seminary, from October 26 to 30.

Dr. Beth Posterski, Professor of Christian Education at the College, gave a plenary address at the "Third Millennium Ministry: Empowering the Local Church" conference sponsored by The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada in Moncton, New Brunswick, September 29 and 30. She also spoke at the Christians in the Workplace Conference on November 4 at Tyndale.

Dr. Donald Leggett, Professor Emeritus, Old Testament, preached at the Malaysian-Singaporean Bible Church on November 12.

Dr. Gary Miedema, Professor of History at the College, successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation, titled "For Canada's Sake: The Revisioning of Canada and the Reconstruction of Public Religion in the 1960s," at Queen's University in Kingston on September 15. His convocation took place on October 27.

Dr. Daniel Scott, Associate Dean and Professor of Intercultural Studies at the College, gave four lectures for the "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" October 2 at Bramalea Baptist Church and October 4 at Agincourt Pentecostal Church. The topic was "Unleashing the Gospel." On December 3 and 4, he presented lectures in Winnipeg at Bethesda Baptist Church on "World Christian Partnership." Scott has also been appointed Convenor of the Business Committee of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges, The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Scott's church, St. John's Presbyterian Church, has been chosen by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to participate in a study of churches which have recently experienced growth.

Dr. Mariano DiGangi, Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Studies, teamed up with Dr. John MacArthur for a lecture series on "The Recovery of the Gospel" in central Italy during mid September. A copy of DiGangi's commentary on I and II Peter was also presented to the pastors and missionaries who attended. He addressed the ministerial conference sponsored by the Presbyterian Renewal Fellowship from October 3-5 on "Preaching and the Reformation."

Rev. Pamela Erwin, Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at the College and Seminary, attended the Seventh Annual Youth Ministry Educator Forum, which had the theme, "Penetrating the Global Youth Cultures." The conference was held October 28 - 30, and she played a large part in organizing the conference with the assistance of Richard Bodini, who is a Seminary student.

Dr. Daniel Wong, Professor of Pastoral Studies at the College, participated in the Evangelical Homiletics Society annual meetings October 19-21, in Orlando, Florida. The theme was "Spiritual Formation Through Preaching."

TYNDALE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Pre-marriage seminar

A two-day **Marriage Preparation** course is offered at Tyndale, on April 6 (7-10 p.m.) and 7 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.). The cost is $95 per couple. This course is led by Sheila and Paul Stevens. Call ext. 2122 for more details.

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Depression: Finding Light Through the Darkness - February 7, 2001

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by Ann Barnard Ball
Manager, The Tyndale Foundation

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